

Lomax Residence *House*
Church and Alabama Streets
Montgomery, Alabama

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LOMAX RESIDENCE
Montgomery, Montgomery County, Alabama.

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Ownership:

Present Owner: Preferred Life Insurance Company.

Previous Owners: Henry Finch; from 1825 to 1831.
Joseph Hutchinson; from 1831 to 1844.
John P Figh; from 1844 to 1847.
James J. Gilmer; 1847 to 1849.
Reuben C. Shorter; from 1849 to 1853.
Caroline Shorter Lomax; from 1853 to 1907.
First National Life Insurance Company.

Date of Erection: 1848.

Architect: Unknown.

Builder: James Gilmer.

Present Condition: The house is in an excellent state of preservation. Modern conveniences have been added. It is now used as an office building, but the main body of the house has not been changed.

Number of Stories: Two.

Materials of Construction: The foundations of the house are of brick; floors are of pine; exterior walls are painted brick; interior walls are of plaster over wooden laths; the roof is metal with standing seams; the columns are of concrete.

Other Existing Records: There is a picture of the Lomax house on the cover of book called, "The Story of the Lomax House". By Mr. Peter Brannon. The sketch is owned by the Paragon Press.

There is also a photograph of the Lomax House on page six of "The Story of the Lomax House". The photograph is owned by Mr. Peter Brannon; the book is in Mr. Brannon's personal file in the Soldiers Division of the Department of - Archives and History, Montgomery, Alabama.

See: "HOME OF TENNANT LOMAX"
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Historic Homes of Alabama and
their Traditions. By Alabama
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Additional Data: "The Lomax House is a most unusual type to find in this section of the country. It is similar in style to the house of Maryland and Virginia rather than those of the deep south. The end gables by the two chimneys work in as part of the gable end which serves as a low parapet against which the roof butts. The two storied entrance portico with a pediment is much more refined and graceful in its proportions than the usual work of its period. It is definitely of the Georgian origin rather than the Greek Revival. The windows with the shutters and the small second floor balcony under the portico as well as the plan have a definite stamp of southern character on the building which is one of the most pretentious and one of the best remaining examples of the old residences." (Lutz).

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